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The first volume contains the first three books of Champlain's narrative after the edition of 1632, translated from the French by Mrs. Bourne, wife of the editor; the second embodies the fourth book and a reprint of Purchas' (His Pilgrimes) narrative of Champlain's voyage of 1604. It is needless to go over the ground covered by these well-known documents.

Neither is there much to say in regard to the introduction by the editor, Professor Bourne, and to the footnotes accompanying the text in both volumes. Mr. Bourne's name is a guarantee for unusual thoroughness and acquaintance with his subject. Like everything emanating from his pen, it is most creditable. We can only congratulate Mrs. Bourne on her translation, which is an excellent rendering of the French original.

A photographic fac-simile of Champlain's map of New France, from the edition of 1632, forms the frontispiece of the first volume.

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Chili et Bolivie, Étude économique et minière. Par Ferdinand Gautier, Ingénieur Civil des Mines. E. Guilmoto, Paris (1906).

There are many things in this book commendable, but it is also disfigured by many errors, and errors that ordinary care in observing would have avoided. It is, for instance, absolutely impossible to see any smoke issuing from the tall summit of the Sajama in western Bolivia; that gigantic pyramid (22,000 feet, at least) has not given any signs of activity for centuries. The same can be said of the peaks of Tacora, which belong to the same range. The Sajama was once active; now it is dormant, if not extinct. The Huayna Potosí in Bolivia is not "on the flanks of the Nevado de Sorata," but far to the south of it, separated by mountains that exceed 20,000 feet in altitude. The copper mines of Corocoro are, notwithstanding Mr. Gautier's statement to the contrary, systematically and continuously worked; the Chilian Company having penetrated as low as the level of 1,500 feet beneath the surface. The extensive tin mines at Huayna Potosí, although operated by a French company, are not mentioned as such. Mr. Gautier denies the existence of the Permian formation in the Bolivian highlands, whereas it constitutes a considerable proportion of the surface rocks of the Puna west of La Paz. He states, that the Permio-Carboniferous is not found. The coal on Titicaca Island and on the peninsula of Copacavana pertains to that group. It will also be news to those who know Lake Titicaca to read that its water is -not-brackish! Such and similar gross misstatements about Bolivia are calculated to inspire a certain apprehension that Chile may not have fared better at the hands of the author. It appears, however, that he is better acquainted with that republic; and while there are mistakes, they are not as startling as in the case of Bolivia.

Fully three-fourths of the book are devoted to Chile. Considering the much greater importance of that country, its far greater development in every respect, the proportion is fair. Bolivia is only beginning to enter the path of progress in which Chile is making such rapid strides. It is gratifying to notice that the latter, after having deprived Bolivia of her coast-line by war, is now proposing to assist her in establishing railway communications with that coast; in the guise of indemnity for what was forcibly taken. It is a wise policy, beneficial to both countries, and cannot fail to foster harmony and cement friendship between nations too long kept apart through the recollections of former strife.

Three rather insignificant outline maps give a superficial idea of Chile and the parts of Bolivia adjacent to it.

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